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--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an image forming apparatus which is small-sized and is able to keep a longtime and stable cleaning function. The image forming apparatus includes an image carrier; a blade member contacting elastically with the image carrier; a semi-conductive member installed on the blade member; and a power unit for adding a voltage to the semi-conductive member. Further, the semi-conductive member is set apart from the contacting portion of the blade member by a predetermined isolation distance.--